

EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT # 6
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of March 12, 2009

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Les Brooks at 6:30 P. M.
2. Roll Call: Leslie Brooks, Keith Lynn, Larry Tuttle, Dennis Feeley, Tony Strickland and Chief Bill Fuller were present.
3. Consent of Agenda: It was moved by Dennis Feeley and seconded by Keith Lynn that the Agenda be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the February 12, 2009 Board Meeting: It was moved by Keith Lynn and seconded by Tony Strickland that the minutes of the February 12, 2009 Board Meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Financial Report by Jackie Smedegaard. It was moved by Tony Strickland and seconded by Dennis Feeley that the Financial Report for February 13, 2009 to March 9, 2009 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Communications: SORC Report (Steve Cosner): Steve Cosner reported that the walls for the new dispatch center are up and it's expected to be ready for occupancy in October. Medford should vote for consolidation on March 19; both Medford Fire and Medford Police are for it. Governance issues are yet to be resolved. SB 145, taking 9-1-1 tax money for other purposes, passed. There are fundamental legal issues to be resolved regarding taking tax money. The Attorney General's opinion is that if wireless and VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) taxes could be separated, then some of this tax money can be taken. Oregon Dept. of Revenue states this separation isn't possible. Statewide operation of 9-1-1 is overseen by an Oregon military general who is aware of this taking and that it will cost lives; he called it "collateral damage." The worst case scenario for our District is that our dispatch fees will increase from \$13,800 to \$21,900 per year. This includes \$3,000 to help absorb overwhelming increases to smaller districts. A task force has been formed, with SORC director Margie Puckett as chair, to study consolidation of the 49 dispatch centers which now operate throughout the state.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Election Filing Deadline March 19, 2009: Keith Lynn, Dennis Feeley and Larry Tuttle have filed for re-election.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Physical Capability Evaluation Program Introduced: Chief Fuller reported that a program to evaluate the physical capability of firefighters and medics came about from a Safety Meeting. It was noted that there is no entry exam for new volunteers. Ron Wilson took the lead in adapting ODF's pack test to our department's needs. First Responders and Civilian Tender Operators must walk one mile in 18 minutes with no pack. Firefighters must walk two miles in 32 minutes with a 29 pound pack. (Our air packs weigh 29 pounds.) Tony Strickland suggested that a medical doctor sign off on participants before testing and that we research cardiac events of older males during similar tests performed elsewhere. Discussion about what to do if an individual "fails" the test, when to retest and deadlines for staying active as a volunteer. Tony Strickland suggested some form of fitness program that the safety committee could come up with including exercises to be done at home.

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- B. Appoint Budge Officer: Dennis Feeley moved that Chief Fuller be appointed the Budget Officer for the 2009-2010 budget year. Keith Lynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
9. Chief's Report: (see attached)
10. Good of the Order: Tony Strickland asked if anyone was going to the Fire Department Training Officer conference and if there was any movement on the Summer Firefighter position. Chief Fuller reported that he's looking for two new members of the Budget Committee. The water tank fuel system will use 5 gallon "jerry cans"; new fittings are on order. Dennis Feeley reported on the March 2 Auxiliary meeting: 20 new chairs have been purchased for the classroom; still working on plans to overhaul the Chief's office.
11. Adjournment: Dennis Feeley moved that the meeting be adjourned. Keith Lynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7: 30 PM.

Larry Tuttle
Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: _____ April 9, 2009 at 6:30 PM